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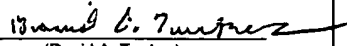
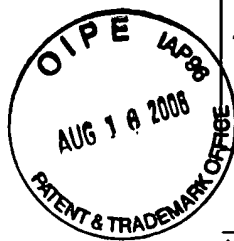
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SYSTEM, PORTABLE DATA STORAGE  
DEVICE, DATA PREPARATION DEVICE,  
ELECTRONIC DEVICE, AND  
OPERATION DATA MANAGEMENT  
DEVICE

Examiner: J. Joo

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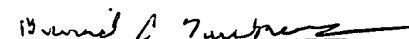
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